

Amendment

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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 7-28 remain in this application. Claims 10-13, 16-18, 21-22 and 27-28, which were previously withdrawn by the Examiner, have been examined on the merits and the applicants assume that these claims are no longer withdrawn. Claims 7 and 23 have been amended to indicate that the vegetable oil is present in an amount from about 10% to 99.5%. Support for these claims as amended can be found in original claims 8 and 13.

Claims 10 and 14 have been amended to correct minor errors.

Claims 8-11, 13, 19-22, 24 and 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have taken the limits for the amount of vegetable oil from allowable claims 8 and 13 and incorporated this range into independent claims 7 and 23. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest pattern-coating compositions having an amount of vegetable oil between about 10% and 99.5%. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of record be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 7-28, now pending.

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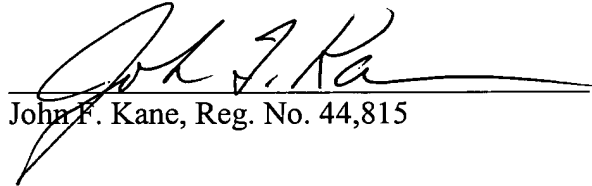
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In view of the foregoing response, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending are patentably distinct from the references cited and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested. If the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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